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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Dominick DallaVerde
Application No.: 09/996,315 Confirmation No. 2986
Filed : November 28, 2001
For : INDELIBLE WATERMARK ON OPTICAL DISCS
Group Art Unit : 1774
Examiner : Lawrence D. Ferguson

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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Applicant hereby replies to the Office Action dated March 17, 2003, which did not address the merits of the application, but required restriction of the application.

REMARKS

Summary of Office Action

Claims 1-19 are pending in this application.

The Examiner has determined that the claims are directed to two allegedly distinct inventions, as follows:

Group I: Claims 1-11, drawn to a "method of making an information recording medium" (Class 264, Subclass 1.33), and

Group II: Claims 12-19, drawn to an "information recording medium" (Class 428, Subclass 64.4).

In particular, the Examiner has alleged that Groups I and II "are related as process of making and product made" and that "the product as claimed can be made by another and materially different process (M.P.E.P. § 806.05(f))."

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